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5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Isaiah 6: 1 – 2a, 3 – 8

1 Corinthians 15: 1 -11

Luke 5: 1 – 11

Both the Old and New Testament are full of stories about visions. These stories are intended to confirm faith that might be lacking for any number of reasons. God appeared to both Abraham and Moses. The transfiguration of the Lord is another noteworthy vision when Jesus speaks with Moses and Elijah, and witnessed by Peter, James and John.

The Old Testament reading is about King Uzziah of Israel dying and Israel's God living. Everyone has their 15 minutes of fame; but God's is everlasting. The details of the throne of God, the Seraphim and the anthem of God give way to the grandeur of God.

The prophet Isaiah then reflects about being a sinner, unworthy and unclean having seen God. This is about God dealing with Isaiah (and you and me) with strict Justice. However, we all are sinners. Isaiah is then made clean – reconciled to God so God can send him and do God's work.

As we move into Lent this Scripture of reconciliation with God and our neighbor too - speaks of peace and agape. Let our Lenten prayers rising like incense; always include the petition of "Peace be with You". Let the world be astonished by your actions of peace and love.

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